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## THE COLLEGE SERVICE

As the Archbishop of Canterbury has issued a recall to religion, it seems appropriate to make a similar plea for a recall to the College Service. Stoneham Parish Church is not very far away from the men's Halls of Residence. Why do so few people go there?

The College has a spiritual as well as a material life. It has in fact, a soul which is the innermost part of its being, from which the ideals of the community derive their quality. At this time of feverish activity, when students are preparing for their examinations, it is essential that the harmonious balance of the mind and the spirit should be preserved. If the soul of the community is well, its mind will be well. The College Service at its best gives direction to the religious side of College life and imparts to it a vitalising and dynamic spirit, but it is only at its best when all its members co-operate to preserve the sanctity of the communal life.

The majority of U.C.S. students are going to be teachers. Can they effectively fulfil this splendid vocation if they neglect the spiritual side of human experience? Academic qualification is not the ultimate and major need of a teacher. When we consider that in the schools of today a teacher's cardinal duty and privilege is to train the minds of his pupils so that each child may be enabled to have life and have it more abundantly, the need for spiritual enthusiasm in College becomes both apparent and imperative. This clearly leads us to the view that all members of this College who possess a sense of vocation should concern themselves wholeheartedly with that vital aspect of university life which is centred in the College Service. Moreover, it appears to be the duty of every student who possesses the ability to think for himself to enquire more deeply than he has done in the past into the religious aspect of human experience—and particularly of our community—with a view to finding its ultimate meaning. The result would be that not only the community would benefit by the profound realisation of the spiritual meaning of fellowship and of the ethical implication of its motives and ideals, but the individual would benefit.

The College Service should be the focus of the spiritual life of the College, but at present it is clear that a considerable number of students are indifferent to its function.

There is a hope in this College that it may one day become a University of Wessex, and much striving is taking place that this hope may be realised. The foundations are steadily being laid. What of its spiritual foundations? Clearly a University of Wessex cannot hope to flourish unless its spiritual roots are nurtured. It is incumbent upon the present generation of students to do their part. It is our privilege to pave the spiritual pathway by revitalising the spiritual life of the College. Our ideals now will, if they are sanctified by corporate worship at our College Service, become a beacon-light whose rays will light the future.

With regard to the service itself, the choir presents a body of students who devote their talent to the welfare of the community, but it is a pity to see that the congregation is often smaller than the Choir. The preachers are usually men well known in their respective spheres, and whatever you think of the views expressed in the sermons, they will provide food for thought.

Many pleas for many things have been published here this session, but it is to be hoped that this, for more interest in worship with one's fellow-students, will not be disregarded.

"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

T. C. B. W.

If a university is to be true to its vocation it must embrace within the catholicity of its interests and its pursuits the most catholic, the most comprehensive, the most universal and permanent interest of mankind—religion. Every step in the advancement of learning which it is the business of a university to foster and promote is but a further deepening as well as a further classification of the ultimate questions confronting every man, whence, whither, and why: his origin, his true weal, his final end and destiny. Theology, the systematic and scientific articulation and elucidation of these questions is, therefore, rightly called the Queen of Sciences, for it alone is competent to deal with ultimate and final values—and the purification in practice of religion depends ever upon the intellectual credentials furnished by theology. The caricature of religion is the caricature of theology; the exaltation of religion is the exaltation of theology.

No man ever wholly puts by religion, no man ever wholly puts by theology; but if in daily life the practice of our religion suffers from neglect, abuse and stagnation, our theology quite naturally suffers too. If in our university days we grow in our understanding and application of the humanities and the sciences, ought we not much more, as we proceed towards "Final" grow in the practice and understanding of religion? "I say that man was made to grow and not to stop."

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Browning's lines are particularly true of what should characterise the spiritual history of every university student: growth, growth in content, growth in intent, a deepening religion and a widening religion.

Is not this the justification for the College service which has now been maintained for 16 years, the weekly witness to the supremacy of the spiritual interests and welfare of the university fellowship? That service week by week has exemplified in itself the continuing vitality of religion, even as it has also witnessed to the law of change, even of arrest, perhaps of decay. Yet the service goes on and it is for the general body of students to render it even more fruitful than it has been, we believe, in the past, by steadfast support, by loyal co-operation, by constructive criticism, by unceasing prayer. Not a year has passed but some of those who have come within the influence of the College services and retreats have gone into the Christian ministry at home or abroad, or have found in their several professions a new sense of vocation and a new scale of values. The college tie is not necessarily a length of silk, the college tie is the college church, the home of the college service—where ever it removed the strain and stress, where ever is renewed the beauty of God's peace.

A. A. C.

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### Editorial.

If an ancient Roman had chanced to stroll into the Entrance Hall during the last week, he would have felt at home at once. Quite obviously those groups of uneasy youths and maidens, nervously chattering and giggling to hide their fears, were slaves awaiting a purchaser. The absences of fetters would have been puzzling, but otherwise the setting was perfect. On a French Revolutionary gaoler, seeing them cloaking their anxiety with forced gaiety, standing there in their best clothes, would have rattled his keys for joy and pricked up his ears for the sound of the tambour.

Why must the poor scholarship candidates be left in the Entrance Hall like this? Tiled benches are none too comfortable, and notices once read seldom continue to be entertaining. Of course, it must be comforting to know what sort of people one is to live and work amongst if one does eventually come up, but it seems doubtful if this comfort is sufficient to compensate for the discomfort.

It is easy enough to understand why successive generations at school seem to grow smaller, but why is it so here at College? Most of us do not grow much during our course here, but scholarship candidates always seem smaller than those who came before. One wonders what they must think of us as we stroll or hasten to and fro. Perhaps it is just as well that we do not know.

Speaking of interviews, why must best suits (or nearly best) be worn? Do they want to see what we can look like if we are put to it? Surely we might be more at our ease in our everyday clothes, and would give our interviewers a better chance of seeing what they really are getting for their money.

Attention is drawn to the visit of Mr. Ball, of the London University Appointments Board, on June 9 or thereabouts. He will interview students who wish to discuss their careers with him. Forms to be filled up for the interview can be found in the Library under the "Careers" heading.

### Correspondence

*To the Editor of Wessex News,*  
Dear Sir,

The article in WESSEX NEWS last week put the story of the Basque Camp in a nutshell. Soon these pitiful child refugees will be placed in better quarters, and presumably the camp will be broken up. Our country is the traditional shelter for refugees of many nations—long may it remain so—and this is the latest instance. But, need we write it off as a completed episode with the departure of the Basque children?

There are naturally many factors to consider, but it is too much to hope that, before the resources united for this effort are dispersed, something could be done towards arranging a camp on a smaller scale with the object of giving some of our English, even Southampton, children a short annual holiday with enough good food, fresh air, and carefree happiness, things of which many of them get all too little. Happily our children are ignorant of the horrors which Basque children suffered, but nevertheless numbers of them live in conditions of which few of us know.

U.C.S. students have rallied to the dramatic and urgent appeal; could we not show the way to turn this great and generous action, necessitated by war and man's inhumanity to man, into a lasting force for good, something which would bring abiding happiness to many?

Yours sincerely,  
J. A. Oliver.

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profitable use, what then are we to say to Mr. Baldwin (no cracks!), who has just said that What England Needs is more poets, not more baby- or sheep-farmers.

However, we sincerely sympathise with Mr. C. in some respects, for we know too well what he means by "some women," "distrusting and slimy," and "canons of taste," and the best advice to those concerned is: get your hair cut, give up smoking unorthodox pipes, or change out of blue stockings, as your case may be.

Yours truly,  
Ototoi.

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*To the Editor of Wessex News.*

Sir

The arguments of your correspondent, Mr. A. Clod, in his attempt to bring those students down to earth ("thrice welcome, pat trope") who look upon authors as demi-gods, are unanswered. For the simple reason that they cancel themselves out so completely that any answer is superfluous. Nevertheless, not everybody who was pained by his letter may have noticed these contradictions.

He begins by praising us for being able to read; then he blames us for making use of our gift in the best way we can by reading English literature.

Secondly, he deplores that literature is looked upon as one of the great things of life, and then tells us that the greatest function of literature is to amuse and that being amused is also one of the greatest things of life.

He then goes on to say that this function is to be realised only apart from religious writings. But writings like "Macbeth," Bacon's "Essays," "Wuthering Heights," "Tess of the d'Urbervilles," "Pêcheur d'Islande," cannot be called religious writings, and are they amusing in the sense that Mr. Clod requires? If not, then according to him they cannot be regarded as literature. "But this is absurd, therefore . . ."

Moreover, to say that the function of literature is solely to amuse simply because the Anglo-Saxons in their cups were entertained by crude rhythmic chronicles is equivalent to deplored the use of the Binomial Theorem because the Neanderthal Man counted on his fingers.

He then argues (just as self-destructively) from the general to the particular by saying that the majority of us at U.C.S. are "definitely lowbrow" in their tastes, and asking for someone to deliver us from the tyranny of the literature-worshippers. Now, if the tastes of most of us are lowbrow, how possibly can the feeble minority "tyrannise student life" in such a democratic institution as ours?

Finally, if we look upon literature as of very little, if any,

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*To the Editor of Wessex News.*

Dear Sir,

I wish to express through your columns my doubt in the infallibility of our voting system.

In the recent election of the Chess Club committee our best authority on Hants and Southampton League chess and on club management was not elected. Only active members of the club would know of his qualifications—seven years in League chess, three years as secretary, is experience which no other member of the club possesses.

This, I think, is a clear case of the right man being passed over because he is not well known outside this activity. I contend (I believe this is an old tale) that officials should be elected on their merits for the position in question and not for their prestige in other activities. It is only members of the club in question who can weigh the pros and cons of the nominees, and hence should not these be the only people to vote? In the case in question over fifty persons voted. I believe that at least half of these are non-members of the club and probably know little or nothing of what is required of committee members. Is this a proper state of affairs?

Yours, etc.,

K. N. Reed.

### Ode to a Clod

This is no Clod: he must be great and wise,  
Who Literature and Art can thus despise.

The prophecy of that brave Scot's come true,

Who shouted, "Whaur's yer yer Wuller Shakespeare now?"

Burn Homer, let old Milton rot,

The youth  
Of Wessex knows the Way, the Light, the Truth.

Let no rash poet dare to interpose,

Let his adulterate their native prose,

Or with a spark of sense blow to the skies.

Their little self-complacent paradise.

A. WORM.

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*Relay* 1, Southampton; 2, Navy. 3 mins. 53 4/5 secs.  
Result: 1, Royal Navy, 36 1/2 pts; 2, College, 35 1/2 pts.

**WOMEN'S TENNIS.**  
The W.I.U.A.B. match at Exeter last Wednesday was very disappointing. U.C.S. losing by 7 matches to 1 with one unfinished. The standard of play was not as high as it might have been—except for the third couple who played very steadily throughout and carried off the only victory—but the games were far more even than would appear by the score, most of the matches being strongly contested and many running into three sets.

The result of the match against Portsmouth Training College on Saturday was far more encouraging—U.C.S. winning by 7 matches to 2.

## ATHLETIC UNION.

## Sparkling Tennis gives Men Two U.A.U. Victories

## Swimming Club Avenge their Reading Defeat

## Next Saturday

The Athletic Union can look back on last week's sport with justifiable satisfaction. Of five University fixtures, only one resulted in an adverse result for the College team, the Women's Tennis being defeated in their U.A.U. game at Exeter. The Men's Tennis, however, made ample amends for this setback, and completely subdued the Exeter team to win by 7-2. They further demonstrated their University superiority by easily—almost uninterestingly—defeating their hosts at Reading on Saturday. Thus, with two U.A.U. victories in one week, the team may look forward to the Bristol match with every confidence of passing into the semi-finals of the U.A.U. Championship.

Reading had a poor day with Southampton altogether, for the Swimming Club entertained their marine brethren from the former University on Saturday, only to send them back with little or no encouragement, having been beaten easily by a much strengthened Southampton team.

The Goldsmith's Cricket team were also given little chance at Swaythling on Saturday, but managed to avert defeat by scoring at the rate of one run in three minutes! Compared with this, County Cricket must have an appeal even to an American baseball fan!

Wallace again entered the lime-light of Athletics on Saturday, when he captured two Hampshire County Championships: the 100 yds. he won in 10.4 secs., and the 220 yds. in the excellent time of 22.6 secs.—both very fine performances when it is realised that he had many heats to run before competing in the finals. He should do well in the Southern County Championships at Brighton on Saturday week.

Next Saturday is a big day for College athletics; it may very well be termed "University Day," for Tennis—Men's and Women's—Cricket and Athletics will all be engaged in University fixtures at the Montefiore Sports Ground. Bristol will be the visitors for the tennis matches, Reading for cricket, and Exeter will be engaged on the track. Such an afternoon's sport must surely appeal to even the most inveterate bookworm, and, given fine weather, it is hoped that the College will turn out en masse to support any or all of the Clubs engaged. Put those books away for once; forget that finals and "Dip" are approaching, and come out on to the field, fill your lungs with fresh air, and support these matches. All the clubs concerned have been doing

remarkably well this season, so come out in your thousands and show your appreciation of their skill and endurance. Do this, and you will come back to Coll. on Monday feeling far more fit for examination work than if you'd spent an agonising afternoon sweating over unintelligible print!

MEN'S TENNIS.  
U.C.S. 7, Exeter 2.

The Exeter replay last Wednesday resulted in a convincing victory for College of 7-2. This colourless statement seems to indicate weak opposition and an uninteresting walkover. Actually, the standard of College tennis was a revelation—playing with concentration, confidence and tenacity the team fought all the way. Of the nine matches seven went to three sets—and what sets! College third pair (Lane and Oldridge) battling against Exeter's first pair, took the first set at 11-9, lost the second at 6-3, but fought back to take the final at 6-4. They beat the third pair in three sets and no doubt would have won their remaining match but for a leg injury and the fact that College was 5-1 up before their match began. As it was, they just lost in the third set at 6-4. Congratulations on a fine display!

Ridgewell and Warcham won all their matches in three sets each. The final set of their first match went to 8-6, but in their second match they showed a will to win which surprised themselves more than their opponents. Down 2-6, 2-3 things were truly desperate, but, serving themselves with sugar knobs and their opponents with aces they drew level at 5-5 and took the set at 8-6. Confidence gave them the final set at 6-3.

Collins and Home lost their first match in three sets but showed that this was a mistake by running away with their remaining matches in two sets each.

A fine start to the U.A.U. fixtures and a pleasing display of the best so hitherto latent form of the College team.

## U.C.S. 8, Reading 1.

After the Exeter match the fixture with Reading seemed dull and the tennis of a poor standard. In fact, the only pleasing features of the match were, firstly, the perfect grass courts and, secondly, the convincing display of the College first pair. Only one match went to three sets and a lapse by the third pair (quite excusable in the circumstances) gave Reading their only victory—College won without exertion. We play Bristol on Saturday, and they are good—their first pair is

reputed to be of County standard—but with support U.C.S. should win. The value of a gallery is indisputable, so forsake those books on Saturday and help the Club to reach the semi-final—you will not regret it!

## MEN'S SWIMMING CLUB.

On Saturday, 5th June, the Swimming Club entertained Reading University. With a full team, College were well able to avenge their defeat of the previous Saturday, gaining first place in every event. A polo match finished off the evening and, although Reading have only taken up the game this season, they showed promise of a good team with a little more experience.

## Results.

100 yds. *free style*. (1) Russell, (3) Shepherd.

50 yds. *free style*. (1) Morris, (2) Cowling.

50 yds. *breast stroke*. (1) Edwardson, (2) Solomon.

50 yds. *back stroke*. (1) Russell, (4) Edwardson.

*Diving*. (1) Cowling, (3) Edwardson and Reading (tie).

*Medley Relay*. (1) U.C.S., (2) Reading.

*Free Style Relay*. (1) U.C.S., (2) Reading.

U.C.S., 443 points.

Reading, 254 points.

Polo. U.C.S. 4 goals.

Reading 1 goal.

## CRICKET.

1st XI v. King Alfred's College, Winchester.

On Wednesday a much depleted 1st XI was defeated by King Alfred's College, Winchester.

The visitors decided to bat and, although the College bowlers were on the top of their form, some conscientious batting resulted in the score being 100 for 5 at tea interval. Winchester resumed their batting after the interval, and increased their score to 120 for the loss of one more wicket. White captured 3 wickets and Bignell was responsible for two others. Keen fielding on the part of the College was marred by several dropped catches.

College batting did not show the promise that was prominent at Exeter. King Alfred's were fortunate in obtaining a few quick wickets at the beginning of the College innings, and this resulted in a complete collapse, the College scoring only 35. (Finn 10 not out, Eden 9.)

1st XI v. Goldsmith's College, London.

On Saturday the 1st XI drew with Goldsmith's College.

The 1st XI on this occasion was much more representative of College cricket strength, as shown

by the batting, than on Wednesday. College batted first and scored 145 for 9 declared, in two hours. The opening batsmen produced some lively cricket, but Goldsmith's were rewarded for their efforts when the score had reached 18, Glover-James being out for 7. Eden and Eastham continued scoring freely all round the wicket, until Eastham (13) was out l.b.w. (N.). White (8) and Thorp (11) helped Eden to raise the score to 80. Eden, contrary to his usual principles, attempted a big hit when he had scored 39, and was unlucky. Moir and Finn were now at the crease, and the rate of scoring was at first naturally reduced. Moir was soon at ease, however, and he remained at the crease while 60 runs were added, he being responsible for 34. Moir's motto seems to be "dot and carry on (e)." Finn obtained 13. When the score was 145, White declared and left Goldsmith's over two hours to get the runs.

Goldsmith's batted for half an hour before the tea interval and scored 20 for the loss of 1 wicket, White being responsible for this success. After tea, Goldsmiths' continued batting in a very dull and uninteresting manner, and at 6.30 stumps were drawn with the score at 43 (for 3 wickets), Bignell having dismissed two men.

Athletic Club v. Royal Navy  
(Portsmouth)

One of the most closely contested meetings seen at College for many years resulted in a win for the Navy by 36 $\frac{1}{2}$  pts. to 35 $\frac{1}{2}$  pts. The result was in doubt until after the last event but one, when the Navy had a 4 point lead with only the relay to be run. The Relay was a fitting end to a grand meeting. The College runners—Evans, Atkinson, and Skeet, maintained a small lead throughout the race, and Carswell running the last 220 held off a very strong challenge by the Navy runner, to win by a foot in 3 mins, 53 4/5 secs. thus reducing the Navy's lead to 1 point.

## Results.

100 yds. 1, Skeet; 2, R.N.; 3, R.N.; 10 2/5 secs.

880 yds. 1, R.N.; 2, Hoyle;

3, Dukes 2 mins. 9 secs.

*Discus*. 1, Morton; 2, R.N.; 3, R.N. 111 ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.

*High Jump*. 1, Hemming;

2, R.N.; 3, R.N. 5 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

220 yds. 1, Mossman; 2, R.N.; 3, R.N. 24 secs.

*Mile*. 1, R.N.; 2, Evans; 3, Newton-Smith. 4 mins. 47 secs

*Shot*. 1, R.N.; 2, R.N.;

3, Morton. 38 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

440 yds. 1, Hoyle and Atkinson (dead heat); 3, R.N. 55 1/5 secs.

*Long Jump*. 1, Robson; 2, R.N.; 3, Morton. 20 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

*Javelin*. 1, R.N.; 2, R.N.; 3, Reed. 168 ft.

*Three Miles Team Race*. 1, Navy;

2, Southampton; 1, R.N.; 2, R.N.; 3, Moore. 16 mins.

26 secs.

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## Symphony Concert

A long and varied programme commenced with the "Occasional" Overture, by Handel. This was quite well done, especially in the third movement, when some good oboe playing was heard, though the strings in this tended to be somewhat heavy.

Beethoven's Second Symphony was, on the whole, well rendered, though there were some disappointing moments. The 'cellos, for example, were weak in the opening phrase of the Allegro of the first movement, and again in the descending passage at the close of the movement. The second subject, introduced by clarinets, might have been played a little more staccato. In the Larghetto the horns were liable to be over-emphasised, and there were some distressing mistakes made. On the whole, however, this lovely movement was beautifully played. The Scherzo had a spirited rendering, the contrast of strings and wind being well brought out. The last movement was very finely done. The whole orchestra was much more satisfactorily balanced, though there was a tendency for the wind section to outweigh the strings.

Wagner's Siegfried Idyll opening on strings and woodwind was very charming. It has a light, airy style unusual in Wagner. The "Motor-Horn" section was well rendered, considering that it is so out of place. This seems to be a lapse on Wagner's part though it is well used later on.

One of the best treats of the evening was "On hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring" by Delius. This thoroughly delightful work was well rendered, though perhaps the cuckoo was somewhat over-emphasised.

In the choral work, "Master Mariners," by Thomas Wood, the orchestra, as in the opera this year, was too loud, and did not always allow the voices properly to get over it. The articulation was poor, but the singing on the whole was good, especially in the basses. Sopranos, contraltos and tenors suffered from lack of members. The first number "Lustily, lustily" was not convincing enough. The words did not get over at all well. "Cape St. Vincent" was very well done, except again for weakness in the upper voices. The basses were excellent, and the orchestra was good. In the number "Master Mariners," one of the most effective lines in the piece—"And a drum to beat a bravery, where he lay dead!"—was not at all well done, the last four words being completely inaudible. The repeated phrase "And the Queen's own Sailors" was very well performed, the tenors putting in some good work. The best item of the work "Golden City of St. Mary," opening on muted strings and taken up by the basses was very beautifully rendered, and exceptionally well conducted. The last verse introduces a solo for bass

## I.S.S.

On the notice board is to be seen an account of the International Work Camp Exchange for this year under the auspices of International Student Service. Anybody who wishes for a holiday that will be not only strenuous and educational, but also undoubtedly helpful, should study this notice closely. Only a limited number of students can be exchanged, and the countries in which work camps are to be held are Austria, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Switzerland, and the U.S.A. The work ranges from harvesting to roadmaking and digging. Some places are free; others are not, and in most cases there are reductions in railway fares.

Obviously, a time spent in such a camp would be of immense value, physically and mentally, and for those who are fit and not afraid of hard work the idea should be worth consideration.

## Envy

Crows can't count above three. The caterpillar eats several times its own weight in food every day.

The bat spends most of its life asleep.

The elephant never forgets. Lizards can enjoy hot air. Creeping comes naturally to a snake.

Owls are fond of rat-haunted ruins.

A real rabbit need not make excuses.

Turkeys can't blush. Maggots like rotten meat.

The female cicada is invariably dumb.

Spiders kill their husbands soon after marriage.

Even if a worm's heart is broken, he has nine more to go on with.

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voice with descant for chorus. This, combined with bell-like chords on the piano, coming on the off-beat, produced a remarkable and beautiful effect. The work was brought to a close by a breezy performance of the "Bonny Boys," forming a strong contrast to the previous item, and quite well done in spite of some bad leads.

The evening's entertainment was concluded with a spirited rendering of Mackenzie's "Britannia" Overture. The orchestra seemed to have warmed up by this time and were playing extraordinarily well. It might have been better policy to have had Beethoven as the last item.

Altogether, it was a very good concert, though both orchestra and chorus might have backed up their conductor more. The audience was rather small and included a mere handful of College people.

P. S. K.

## Czecho-Slovakia To-day

On Friday last, Fraser Milne, President of the N.U.S., addressed a meeting convened by the newly-formed Youth Peace Council. G. A. Hemming was in the chair, and M. Bell gave a short description of the Council which is apparently entirely non-sectarian and is composed of representatives of the Conservative Society, Socialist Society, L.N.U. and S.C.M.

Fraser Milne said that while it was necessary for Youth Peace Councils to be non-sectarian, it was very difficult, as each member must sacrifice part of his own political opinions to reach a common end. Peace itself is something very abstract and little understood, but a policy for peace must descend from abstract heights to everyday conditions and must of necessity be based on economic and political foundations.

He then went on to deal with the main subject of his talk—Czecho-Slovakia—about which he had recently written an article in the *New University*, as all who have read that paper are aware. Czecho-Slovakia is not great in area or in population, but is important to us as it is the only remaining democratic state in Central Europe, where it is surrounded by "arid wastes" of totalitarian states and dictatorships. It has recently been brought into the limelight by Germany's attitude towards it.

A short survey of its history showed how in spite of many centuries of subjection a spirit of independence flourished, and the chance which came in the Great War was cleverly seized—Czecho-Slovakia was not created by the peace treaties: they only ratified its existence.

He outlined the constitution, one of the most striking features of which is the compulsory vote. In the economic sphere Czecho-Slovakia has made great progress. Forty-eight hours work per week is the maximum. Unemployment insurance is through the Trade Unions. A much higher proportion of the population attends the Universities than in England, owing to a system of generous grants. The cost of living in University Hostels is much cheaper than in England, and Workhouses are infinitely better than they are here. It made one almost wish to be a Czech pauper, so well are they treated.

The most important question of the day was that of minority races. The Polish minority, a very small one, appears to be quite contented, and Poland is making little fuss about its presence there. The Hungarians, of whom there are about 800,000, are also contented, as they are far better off economically than they would be in Hungary, although the Hungarian Government is persistent in demanding their return. The Germans—about 3,000,000

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## Calendar

Tuesday, 8th June. 1.20 p.m. Assembly Hall. Union Meeting.

Wednesday, 9th June. Mixed Tennis 2nd Team v. Portsmouth. Away. Women's Tennis Club 1st Team v. Banister. Away. Cricket Club 2nd Team v. R.A.F., Netheravon. Home.

Thursday, 10th June. Music Studio. Choir Practice. 1.20 p.m. Room 35. Christian Union Bible Study.

Friday, 11th June. Music Studio. League of Nations Society.

Saturday, 12th June. Men's Tennis Club 1st Team v. Bristol. Home. Women's Tennis Club 1st Team v. Bristol. Home. Cricket Club 1st Team v. Reading. U.A.U. Home. Cricket Club 2nd Team v. Portsmouth Municipal College. Home.

Sunday, 13th June. 9.45 a.m. Collegiate Service at St. Mary's, South Stoneham. Preacher: The Rev. E. Courtney West, M.A., Principal of St. Boniface College, Warminster, Wiltshire.

Monday, 14th June. 1.20 p.m. Gramophone Club. Brahms' Piano Concerto. Room 31.

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in a population of 15,000,000—show no desire to join the third Reich, nor do they wish to be absorbed into the Czecho-Slovakian population. They have never been German subjects and are quite fairly treated. Conrad Henlein is leader of a party which has a distinctly Fascist policy of Education, and would appear to be in sympathy with Hitler. There is a danger that Czecho-Slovakia may go the way Spain has gone, but the politicians are very optimistic about the future, and for Foreign policy pin their faith to the Little Entente.

Altogether it was a most interesting and informative meeting, and might have been better attended had its sponsors given it better advertisement.

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